

This message respectfully voices my opposition to a portion of an FCC proposal for a national telephone privacy act. I do not object to the essence of the proposed enactment, only where such an action can or will lessen the State of Indiana's Telephone Privacy law protection already in effect. Indiana's legislation functions very well and we do not need nor wish to have federal intervention that will lessen our right to telephone privacy. Our legislation has improved our time at home and provided a most efficient means of stifling unwanted interruptions. We used to receive 15-20 calls per week. Thankfully, and rarely, do we now receive greater than one or two calls, but even these are still unwanted.

Indiana's law works. Please do nothing to dilute its effectiveness. At this point, we do not need overriding federal intervention unless you are willing to make your law or regulation even stiffer on those who continually interrupt our lives. The livelihood of telemarketers regardless of what they are selling by no means should have the right to interfere with privacy in our homes.

Thank you.
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